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### The Royal Hawaiian Band

This is the last day of the Hawaiian Band as a Territorial organization. It is nearly thirty-five years since this band had its beginnings. The inception of the idea of a Hawaiian National Band is curious and interesting. In 1869 or 1870, probably during a part of each year, the Austrian man-of-war Danube was in this port. The Danube carried a band which during the stay of several months of the vessel in port, gave many public concerts and concerts on occasions of ceremony. The interest shown by the public in these concerts and the addition the band made on occasions of ceremony, suggested the idea of a Hawaiian National Band, and a man by the name of Northcote, an American, was engaged to train a band. He succeeded so well that later in the year 1870 when the German residents of the islands celebrated the fall of Sedan in the course of the Franco-Prussian war, this band took part, supplying a part at least of the music for that occasion.

Soon afterwards Northcote grew tired of the job and quit it, and a man by the name of Medina, a musician or actor, who had been on tour in Australia and was returning to the States, was engaged to take his place. Medina was an instructor of fair ability, and played the cornet very well. But the band for some reason did not make much progress at that time, and Mr. Hecht, Prussian and then German Consul to Hawaii, being about to return to Germany, advantage was taken of his good offices, and his knowledge of conditions here, to make a request through him to the German Government for an army band-master, competent to organize and instruct and conduct a band. Minister Mott-Smith was one of those most active in the effort to have a band, and he was seconded in his efforts by John O. Dominis.

When the request was made of the German Government, a competitive examination was held and twelve regimental bandmasters competed. Henri Berger was chosen and arrived here June 3, 1872. He found eleven members of the Household Guard who had constituted the band. They had received some instruction, and had some knowledge of music and some skill in its execution, but they were far from that proficiency needed for concerted music and the requirements of a band. The Eleventh of June was approaching, and it was intimated to the new bandmaster that it would please the King, Kamehameha V., very much, if the band could make its first public appearance on that day. It seemed like an impossibility, but Berger undertook it. He saw the limitation of possibilities of the material he had, within the time limit imposed on him. What was needed was simple, but appropriate music, within their capacity to execute. It was not to be had in Honolulu, and so Berger set to work to create and prepare it. From his scrap book and his richly stored memory, he selected, arranged, composed—in a word, created, the necessary and appropriate music. Little of it, in the form in which it was used, had ever been played before. Then he had to orchestrate these compositions, and prepare the musical score for each instrument of his band. He began with his musicians at 5 o'clock in the morning and kept them steadily at practice almost throughout the day, often as late as 8 o'clock in the evening. As for himself, he began work earlier than 5, kept at it without intermission until midnight, for the mere manual labor of transcribing the needed music was a task requiring hours.

However, he succeeded in his efforts, and he had the pleasure of being able to gratify the King with a creditable appearance of the band at the Kamehameha Day races, of that day, which happened to be the occasion of the opening of a new track on the plains on Beretania street beyond Thomas Square. The next public appearance of the band was on July Fourth, and following that was the celebration of the Fall of the Bastille on July 14, for the Hawaiian Band has ever been catholic and impartial in its services.

From that day to this the Hawaiian Band has been a source of pleasure, education and benefit in innumerable ways to the people of these islands. It is an institution whose real worth and value lies deeper than the surface. Because it is a band and discourses music, it is apt to be looked on, as music is, as a luxury. But like music, at least in the conditions that have prevailed here and still prevail, it is in a true and genuine sense, not only a necessity, but one of the most practically useful institutions that we have. The Supervisors are wise in their intention to continue it. There are many things which we can better get along without. Though in name it has descended from a National Band to a County Band, it is simply because the political status of the Islands has changed. The Band itself during all its years has been ministering to the best instincts of our people, fostering them, and working out, who can say what benefits?

### Our Duty To The National Guard

The arguments for a National Guard which apply to the States do not necessarily reach Hawaii where the militia ranks are filled with non-combatants.—Advertiser. If the Advertiser is right in thinking the Hawaiian soldiery is so bad that there is little use in organizing it, the arguments reach Hawaii all the more. If our militia is the worst in the country, as the Advertiser seems to think, we had better try to improve it. It might be remarked, however, that the regular army officers of the United States who have inspected the Hawaiian National Guard, have made reports highly complimenting it. Nothing has ever occurred to justify the Advertiser's insinuation that the Hawaiian National Guard is composed of men who will not fight. It is to be hoped that the test will never come, but if the test does come, there is every reason to believe that the men who compose the National Guard of Hawaii will be found to average well with the other non-professional fighters of the nation. The arguments for a National Guard which apply to the States apply here just the same. If the Advertiser were right in charging that our soldiers will not fight the argument would apply with double strength, for it would be time the islands removed the disgrace of having such a citizenship by training a militia which would fight.

### Mutineers Get a Good Vessel

The Russian mutineers have in possession one of the finest battleships in the world. The Kniaz (Prince) Potemkin Tavrishesky is one of the newest and strongest battleships of the Black Sea fleet. She is substantially a duplicate of the U. S. S. Ohio which passed through Honolulu some months ago, the Russians having copied the main features of the American design. Both vessels have a displacement of 12,600 tons, and carry a main battery of four 12-inch guns in turrets and sixteen 6-inch guns in a battery amidships. Both have three funnels and have the forward turret higher than the after one, giving them the same general appearance. Both are designed for a speed of 18 knots. The Russian carries more small guns at the expense of slightly thinner armor. Her main belt is 9 inches of Krupp steel.

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The Civic Federation accomplished all that it had any legitimate reason to expect in the County election. It did not however defeat Quinn, Booth or Lane. They would have been defeated anyhow. The opposition to them among the Republican rank and file was voiced before the Civic Federation entered the arena. Above all it is untrue to say that the election of Brown was achieved by a trick, or by falsehood.

A number of members of the National Guard of Hawaii enlisted in the American army and fought in the Philippines. There have never been any intimations come back from there that they were "non-combatants."

If the mutineers on the battleship Potemkin can't shoot any better than their compatriots in Rojstvensky's fleet, Odessa is in no danger from bombardment. By the same token the Potemkin is in no danger of being sunk by Admiral Kruger's squadron which is said to have orders to sink her unless she surrenders.

Chief Engineer Wallace's employees will not think any the worse of him or his abilities because of the censure Secretary Taft has administered.

The Advertiser says: "Nothing is more simple than making bogus money." Is this an expert opinion?

The Hawaiian Forester and Agriculturist for June has just been issued. Among other interesting matter it contains a compilation of all the acts of the last legislature relating to agriculture and forestry. Editorially there is a very careful and judicious discussion of the movement toward civic improvement shown in Honolulu during the past few years.

So after all that it has been said that Hi Henry has said about the control he would exercise over the appliances of the police department, when the time comes he will be ordered to turn them over to the County Sheriff—and he will turn them over.

Secretary Taft has admonished Engineer Wallace for throwing up his Panama canal job and accepting a \$60,000 a year billet. Of course Wallace may be wrong but how many of us would feel inclined to forsake our present jobs in a terrible hurry if \$60,000 a year were dangled before us? Come now, don't all speak at once, how many of us?

W. R. Castle in his communication to the Civic Federation relative to the part the Federation took in the County campaign, says: " \* \* \* it appearing that Mr. William Henry, the present High Sheriff, was to be nomi-

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inated by some of his friends in accordance with the law requiring a nomination to be filed containing the signatures of not less than twenty-five voters, the Committee (of the Federation) thereupon endorsed him. High Sheriff Henry said at the time that if the Federation had not endorsed him he would not have accepted the nomination of his friends. These two statements are brought together here, not because there is necessarily any conflict between them, but for the same reason that Mr. Castle made his statement to the Federation, in the interest of historic accuracy.

If the Odessa Promotion Committee has any enterprise at all it will flood the world with literature explaining the advantages of visiting the place just now. The novelty of being in a city menaced by the mutinous crew of a Russian warship is not a matter to be overlooked.

For many years past the Government of New Zealand has maintained provision depots at various places in the small and dangerous groups of islands in its portion of the Pacific, with the result that many lives have been saved. In the Auckland Islands, where the French bark Anjou recently met her fate, depots of this description have been established at Port Ross, Norman Inlet and at Carnley Harbor, and finger-posts at outlying points show the position of these depots. For the use of shipwrecked people there are boats at the north-west end of Adams Island at Camp Cove, at Rose and Enderby Islands, and also in Erebus Cove. Twice a year the Government steamer Hinemoa visits all these places to ascertain whether there are any castaways from wrecked vessels and also to renew the stores and to effect repairs to the provision stations. It was while on this half-yearly cruise that the Hinemoa rescued the shipwrecked crew of the Anjou and conveyed them back to New Zealand after they had been castaways on the island for 91 days.

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